

**REV. G. E. READ, D.D.**  
Principal, since 1898, of Tidewater Institute, Chesapeake, Va.  
Four teachers and 150 students in 1908.

## **Tidewater Collegiate Institute Chesapeake, Va.**

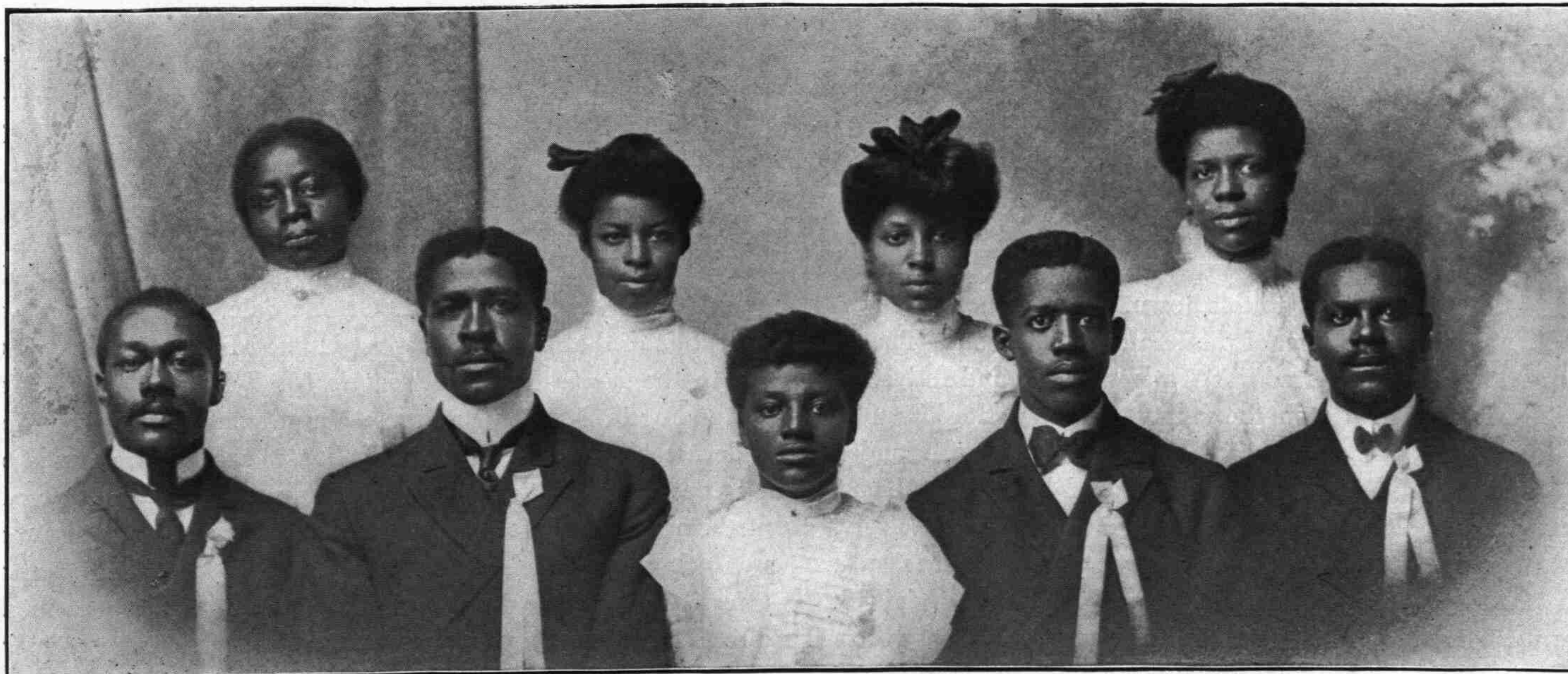
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**T**HIS institution, formerly Spiller Academy of Hampton, Va., was founded in 1891 by Rev. Richard Spiller, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hampton. In 1897 it became affiliated with Virginia Union University of Richmond.

In 1905 the principal building of the school was destroyed by fire, and at the request of the Northampton Baptist Association and the Eastern Shore Baptist Sunday-School Convention the work was transferred to Eastern Shore, Va., where it began anew. The colored people purchased two acres of land and erected a building at a cost of \$2,000. The total value of the property is now \$2,500.

The school is located in the heart of a section where there are twenty thousand colored people who have no educational advantages, except such as are given in the primary public school.

Tidewater Institute is aided by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in coöperation with the Negro Baptists.



**GRADUATING CLASS, TIDEWATER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, CHESAPEAKE, VA.**

The annual expenses of the school are \$1,500, secured from the contributions of friends aided by the Baptist Home Mission Society (\$470 in 1907) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia. The aim of Tidewater is to prepare students for the higher institutions and for the active duties of life. Its graduates have been sent to Shaw, Hartshorn, Virginia Union, Howard, Hampton, and other schools of high grade.